

House Resolution No. 4109

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives recognize the significance of the institution of marriage as a vital foundation of American society and wholeheartedly believe that a successful union can be achieved only through a loving relationship of mutual honor, respect, and trust; and

Whereas, a period of seven wondrous decades has passed since James K. Hawkins, son of Jim and Ella Hawkins, lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Eloise Jaques, daughter of Albert and Bessie Jaques, during a solemn ceremony officiated by the Reverend Robert Briggs on June 18, 1937, in the First Methodist Church Parsonage in Peoria, Illinois; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, James and Eloise Hawkins have had the pleasure of raising three children, James A. Hawkins of Overland, Terry Lee Hawkins of Canton, and Debra S. Mitchell of Stevenson, Washington; and the privilege of spoiling five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, James Hawkins has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes serving his country twice as a member of the United States Navy, retiring from Gardner Denver Company in Quincy following thirty years of service, earning a Fifty-Year-Pin from the Monticello Masonic Lodge, and being a past Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Eloise Hawkins has further distinguished herself by being employed at Don's Food Store in La Grange for thirteen years and the Press-News Journal for six years, and by receiving a Fifty-Year-Pin from the Order of the Eastern Star, of which she is a past Worthy Matron, and the White Shrine in Quincy, where she served as Worthy High Priestess; and

Whereas, James and Eloise Hawkins have enjoyed many hobbies and pastimes during their seventy magnificent years together, one of which was volunteering at the Senior Citizen Center for twenty-five years; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins of Canton commemorated the awe inspiring and truly resplendent occasion of their Seventieth Wedding Anniversary with a special celebration hosted by their loved ones on June 17, 2007, at the Immanuel Methodist Church Fellowship Hall:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to James and Eloise Hawkins and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. James K. Hawkins, as a measure of our tremendous esteem for them.

Offered by _____
Representative Brian Munzlinger
District No. 1

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4109, adopted June 26, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker